

RECALLS CRIMINAL HISTORY

Unexpectedly Harsh Sentences
Were Given Two Men

JURY FOUND THEM GUILTY

Governor Cuts Six Years from
the Heavy Penalty

Enid, O. T., June 20.—The Eagle recalls a bit of criminal history in the following: Every now and then and individual who has been found guilty by a jury receives such a heavy sentence for a slight offense that the matter does not meet the approval of the people in general, especially where the offense is committed. Just such a sentence was passed upon two young railroad men at North Enid about four years ago. The writer was not acquainted with the circumstances of the case, but will try to relate it as it was told today.

About four years ago when Mr. Wagon, a railroad contractor, was located near North Enid, two young men from Tennessee, each about 25 years, were working for him. Their names were McCloud and Mitchell. A negro was also working with the railroad force. One night when the two men were at North Enid, McCloud and Mitchell got to drinking pretty heavy and would occasionally "let 'em up" to the negro, who never spent but a little of his money. After the two had spent their last cent, as was the usual custom with railroaders before going back to their camp, they asked the colored man to trust, but he refused, though he had spent it in his pocket. Being well acquainted with the negro, the two men thought they would "roll" him, as they call it, and forcibly took his money and bought more liquor with it. The negro, after the time, appeared to be mad, for this sort of work was being indulged in frequently by railroaders, but he stepped down to the bar and drank with the men until all the money was gone.

The three returned to the camp and nothing happened for about a week, when the negro went to work one day, got drunk and once out a warrant for the arrest of McCloud and Mitchell, charging them with highway robbery.

They were brought to Enid and tried by a jury before Judge McAtee.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, but suggested the men would receive in the neighborhood of thirty days on the rock pile, but were badly surprised when the court handed a sentence of ten years each at hard labor on the men.

Attorney Robinson, their counsel, presented a petition, asking for their pardon, but the paper was placed on the shelf and never again seen.

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This is the first time Governor Ferguson has commuted a sentence, with the exception of one other case where a small boy was the party concerned.

ORGANIZES GUN CLUB.

Shawnee Crack Shots Will Have a Tournament.

Shawnee, O. T., June 20.—An organization has been effected which has for its purpose the mutual enjoyment of the members in the perfection of their skill in wing shooting. The club consists of the crack shots of the city, with the addition of several new men, who have made records in other like organizations, so it may be reasonably expected that Shawnee will have a company of wing shots which will be able to entertain all comers in the contests of the season.

The organization was effected by the selection of C. J. Benson as president and treasurer, and this assures solidity and stability in the existence of the club. A fine Magnum has been ordered and will be one of the most modern of appliances used in trap shooting.

SHRINERS' TEMPLE.

Architects Have Been Engaged to Draw the Plans.

Oklahoma City, O. T., June 20.—The funds for the construction of the bandmen's shrine temple at Second street and Broadway have been secured and two architects are now engaged drawing plans. At a meeting to be held on the afternoon of June 25, one of the two plans will be accepted and the contract at once awarded. The work of excavating for this building, which will be five stories high, will be commenced the following week. The Shrine has raised \$10,000 and have secured an additional loan of \$5,000 from the Oklahoma Trust and Banking company. When finished the structure will be one of the largest and most beautiful in Oklahoma.

FREE FOR ALL FIGHT.

Justice Deane's Holds the Man Who Killed Earl.

Shawnee, O. T., June 20.—The party arrested for killing Contractor Earl, engaged on the construction work of the Shawnee, Kansas and Texas near Victor, was arraigned in Justice Deane's court, and after hearing the testimony the judge decided that it was not sufficient to hold the prisoner, and he was discharged. The fight was a free-for-all, and the killing was evidently a justifiable homicide.

SURPRISE THEIR PASTOR.

Enid Congregational Society Enjoy a Social Event.

Enid, O. T., June 20.—The members and attendants of the Congregational church gave their pastor, Rev. Malone, a delightful surprise, the occasion being his 25th birthday. About 7 o'clock in the evening Judge Beauchamp called at his home

and took him out for a drive. When they returned the home was dark and all appearances deserted. He started through the hall to a lamp and ran against but one person, but a crowd. About eighty persons were present to do honor to the occasion.

After mutual greetings and good wishes were exchanged Mr. McElrath in a brief and beautifully worded address presented to the pastor and Mrs. Malone some beautiful pieces of dining-room and parlor furniture.

Mr. Malone replied in an appreciative address. He said: "A year and a half had passed since he came to Enid a stranger. Now he was surrounded by friends."

Miss Blanche Beauchamp entertained those present with her classical music, instrumental and vocal.

Mrs. Malone served refreshments. Again hands were shaken and all departed, wishing Rev. Malone many happy returns of the day.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

Palace Hotel at Watonga a Scene of Matrimony.

Watonga, O. T., June 20.—Wednesday a very pretty double wedding occurred at the Palace hotel, in which two prominent Blaine county young couples were united. They were Bernhard Vols and Miss Maude Kerwood, and Clyde Kerwood and Minnie Kennedy, of Homestead township. The ceremony was performed by Probate Judge Woolman.

Miss Kerwood and Clyde Kerwood are the daughter and son of Mr. T. J. Kerwood, a prominent farmer and politician of this county. Miss Kennedy is the daughter of Mr. J. M. Kennedy, also a prominent farmer of the county and ex-county commissioner from the northern district. Mr. Vols is a young farmer of that neighborhood. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Kerwood.

CATHOLICS TO BUILD.

Growth of Population Demands Additional Church Facilities.

Shawnee, O. T., June 20.—The Catholic church people have purchased a tract of ground on North Enid, in the Wallace Mann addition, for which they have made an advance payment of \$7,000. It is the intention of the church to put up an early day some good and substantial buildings, among which will be a church, parochial school and convent. The deal has been signed by the contracting parties. The church will expend something in the neighborhood of forty or perhaps forty-five thousand dollars in the construction of school building, convent and church, along with a home for the priest, and as much of the work as can be done will be pushed during the summer months and completed with as little delay as possible. No definite plans have been drawn as yet, but will be as soon as the work can be done, and some better idea can then be gained as to the probable cost of the buildings to be erected. The improvements now partly under way by the Catholic church have been made necessary by the increased population and the membership of the church which has been growing rapidly during the past year, so much so that the present building has become too much crowded to furnish accommodations for its members.

MAKES STRENUOUS DENIAL.

Negotiations Were Declared Off After an Alleged Discovery.

South McAlester, I. T., June 20.—The Capital says: W. H. Arnold came in last night from St. Louis. When shown the dispatches stating that the old Choctaw management had purchased the rights to the Choctaw line, he most strenuously denied the fact. A deal was on to that effect, but it was discovered that the Choctaw intended to change the route and run from Wichita to the Arkansas river and then east to Fort Smith, where it would connect with their Arkansas line, missing this city. With the discovery negotiations were declared off and the old Choctaw management are holding the sack with little prospect of securing the valuable right unless they concede South McAlester's right and let the line come here direct from Wichita, locating the principal shops and terminals in this city. This they will probably never do. They are still fighting this place with all the fire of old times.

Measrs. J. J. McAlister, M. M. Lindly and W. H. Arnold hold the balance of power and are confident that the Wichita Southern will be built and will come to South McAlester.

The dispatches printed in the News from the Globe Democrat to the effect that the old Choctaw management had purchased the rights was given to the press before the secret deal was exposed. It is absolutely groundless.

Another conference will be held soon and some interesting developments can be expected.

INDIAN CATTLE TAX.

Chickasaw Nation Will Realize a Round Sum.

Arlington, I. T., June 20.—District Regent Inspector Joseph L. Jordan who was here yesterday said that the Chickasaw nation will realize during the year of 1903 \$125,000 from the Indian cattle tax and that 10 per cent of this amount will bear the expense of the collection. Before the Interior Department took charge of the collection of this money cattle-men would refuse to pay the tax until the arrival of the Indian police at his home. The Indians are now being driven from the territory, but now the inspectors and the police are prohibited from accepting money and when the flat fees come forth that a certain bunch of cattle must be driven out there is no longer any opportunity for compromise.

During the last few days cattle belonging to Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Jordan of Canby and the Graham of Marietta have been driven out. After Graham's cattle were across the river he wired J. George Wright, asking the privilege of driving his cattle back and paying the tax. Wright's telegram in reply read: "No authority to permit cattle to return. When once removed must be kept out."

An Indian police was stationed at the river crossing to see that none of Mr. Graham's cattle came back.

There is at this time a dearth of Indian police in the Chickasaw nation. A number of them have been called to the Creek and Cherokee nations to put all hands in peaceable possession of their allotments. Others are in the Choctaw nation, where a vast amount of timber has been confiscated, and in the absence of a sufficient number here Mr. Jordan has instructions to employ cowboys to assist in driving out cattle.

FORMED A MERGER.

Palma, O. T., June 20.—The First Bank of Palma, recently started by Gustave Hamel and Frank Lucas and the Bank of Palma, opened at the same time by John Reinhardt and Fred Palmer have formed a merger, Hamel and Reinhardt continuing the business and Lucas and Palmer retiring and returning to Guthrie to live.

BLACKWELL FOUNDER IS DEAD

Noted Character in Territorial
Annals Passes Away

HAD MANY ENTERPRISES

Was Engaged in Important
Work at Chelsea

Blackwell, O. T., June 20.—A. J. Blackwell, the founder of the city of Blackwell, is dead. The following telegram has just been received here:

Chelsea, I. T., June 19, 1903.—Mr. Blackwell dropped dead this morning. Will be buried tomorrow at 4:30.

ROSA BLACKWELL.

A few weeks ago Mr. Blackwell moved his family from this city to Chelsea, I. T., to be nearer the scenes of some large business transactions he had recently engaged in.

The announcement of his death was a great surprise, and the news rapidly spread throughout the city, many people being inclined to doubt its truth of the report, owing to the fact that he has been, one one or two occasions during the past few years, reported dead.

A. J. Blackwell was probably close to 60 years old at the time of his death. He was born in the state of Mississippi, but spent a great many years in the Cherokee nation, his wife being part Cherokee. During his latter years he accumulated a great deal of property and was a very wealthy man at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and three children.

A. J. Blackwell was a town builder. Long before the Cherokee strip was opened to settlement he conceived the idea of building a city upon the present site of Blackwell. He secured the allotments, three sections, and when the strip opened to settlement in September 18, 1892, this town had already been surveyed and laid out into lots, blocks and streets, with one house on the townsite, a small frame building that now stands back of the Blackwell hotel on West Blackwell avenue. The original name of this city was Blackwell Rock, but the citizens soon dispensed with the Rock and adopted the name of Blackwell. He afterwards founded the town of David, in the Cherokee nation, and was also one of the founders of the town of Chelsea in the same country.

WOODWARD COUNTY.

Railroad Valuation Is Not Included in the Table.

Curtis, O. T., June 20.—The following is the valuation of Woodward county by townships. The railroad valuation is not included, but last year it was \$272,081. The increase in valuation will be between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Townships	Valuation
Athens	355,213
Supply	208,473
Rock	273,904
Kiowa	92,756
Adams	124,529
Pena	106,881
Good	77,445
O'Bryan	90,421
Woodward	120,986
Little	77,229
Liberty	258,621
Webster	228,952
Otter	102,755
Union	86,421
Irwin	118,470
Woodward City	204,121
Total valuation	\$2,212,602

ATTEMPT TO SAVE.

Negress Scheduled to Hang for Murder of a Child.

South McAlester, I. T., June 20.—A very strong effort to save the neck of Dora Wright, the negro condemned to die on the scaffold July 17 for the murder of a child, is now being made.

Humble Carington, the colored attorney who represented the woman in the trial, has decided to go to Washington and personally apply for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment. Carington is said to have some influential friends in the capital city, having graduated from a law school there. His relatives are engaged in business in Washington and are reputed to be wealthy.

It is doubted if the federal officials here will make any recommendation to the president.

LEASES ON MARBLE LAND.

Marble District in Cherokee Nation Will Be Busy Place.

South McAlester, I. T., June 20.—The News says: R. A. O'Neal and D. M. Martindale, eastern capitalists who have been in the city for several months, have secured leases on 60 acres of marble in the Cherokee nation near Marble City. The gentlemen left last week on a trip of investigation of the marble district and after a thorough examination of the marble, the extent of the field and the facilities for handling it have organized a company and will begin operations on an extensive scale at once.

Mr. O'Neal said: "We've picked the pick of the marble. It is close to the railroad, and is in inexhaustible quantities. A diamond drill has been sent down over 300 feet and the marble still continued. We have thirteen distinct colors of marble, from snow white to the deepest black. We will be able to supply the builders of the country with the finest marble that can be got. We will also enter into the manufacture of lime, as it has been found the waste pieces of marble can be burned into the finest quality of lime. We expect to spend a large sum of money in opening these quarries, and will begin operations at once."

The value of vast deposits of marble cannot be estimated. The price of marble at the quarries is over \$1 a cubic foot and 50 acres of marble land in the eastern quarries is valued at over \$100,000.

NOTE REDUCTIONS.

New Jobbing Schedule Given by the Rock Island.

Oklahoma City, O. T., June 20.—Official announcement comes from the Rock Island railway that on Tuesday, June 23, new jobbing rates for Oklahoma City shipper will be established. This rate will effect the Rock Island proper and give the local shippers an opportunity on the Rock Island which they have never had before. For the past three months Secretary Harnett of the Jobbers association has been steadily engaged with the officials of the Rock Island system in an

attempt to secure a reduction in the rate out of this city connecting all the lines of the Rock Island system. The figures affecting the reduction could not be obtained at this time.

ASSEMBLY OPENING.

Kingfisher, O. T., June 20.—The Chautauqua assembly opened here today with the following program for the day and evening:

Informal greeting of old friends.
2:30 p. m.—Quaker male quartette.
Prayer—Rev. J. H. Parker, D. D.
2:30—Address of welcome—Mayor of Kingfisher.
Address, "What are the Benefits of a Chautauqua?"—Hon. F. A. Boynton.
Responses by city pastor.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

8:00—Quaker male quartette.
8:30—Lecture, "The Struggle for a Home"—Dr. Thomas McClary.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

Buggy Struck a Stump and Frightened the Horses.

Chandler, O. T., June 20.—Dr. W. H. Davis returned last night from Kendrick, where he had been hastily called on account of his brother, Dr. S. O. Davis, being injured in a runaway.

He found his brother seriously injured, but he was not dangerously.

His brother and two other gentlemen were driving from Agra to Kendrick yesterday morning before daylight, the doctor sitting on the other gentlemen's knees and driving. A stump was struck which frightened the team, and lunging forward they broke the doubletree and freeing themselves from the rig dragged Dr. Davis on over the dashboard and a short distance from the buggy before he let go of the reins.

FORGING SCHOOL WARRANTS.

Rufus Connella Has Been Arrested on School Charge.

Shawnee, O. T., June 20.—Rufus Connella was arrested last night at Indianola and taken to Lawton charged with forging school warrants. It is alleged that he has forged warrants for many thousands of dollars on the Snyder school district and a number of other districts in Comanche county. He waived the preliminary examination and was bound over to the sum of \$1,000.

Connella is a well-known school contractor and supply dealer. He has also been engaged in the banking business in different towns in the territory.

Bank Examiner Paul Cooper closed three of Connella's banks last week on account of a shortage in cash.

COMPLETES HIS SURVEY.

Water Works Problem Confronts City of Lawton.

Lawton, O. T., June 20.—W. Mathews, a United States Geological surveyor, who has been in and around Lawton for some time, has completed his survey in regard to the waterworks. He thinks both the Blue Beaver and Medicine Bluff propositions impracticable, as it would require ten miles of pipe to reach the city by the former and six miles of pipe for the latter. But the additional expense at the bluff for pumping stations would make it as expensive as the Beaver proposition. Mr. Mathews expresses himself as thinking that wells dug northeast of the city would be the only supply in reach that Lawton could with the available money establish. He says that many Eastern cities would be glad to get as good water as there is in these wells.

Lawton has about \$100,000 to put into waterworks and a sewerage system, and it would cost about \$180,000 to put in the same from the long distance sources.

MAKE A CASH OFFER.

Metropolitan Street Railway Declines Bid of \$150,000.

Oklahoma City, O. T., June 20.—Cusack and company, the railroad contractors of New Orleans, have made an offer to purchase the Metropolitan Street railway for \$150,000 cash, and the offer has been declined by Anton H. Classen, representing the street railway company.

There have been many rumors of the purchase, or intended purchase of the property of the street railway company, but it is said that Mr. Classen does not intend to lose control of the valuable franchise he now holds. As the property is estimated to have cost \$108,000 or \$110,000, it will be seen that Cusack and company, as well as Mr. Classen himself, consider the franchise to be worth all of \$40,000.

The offer of purchase was made on Wednesday to Mr. Classen by C. F. Colcord, who stated that Cusack and company would pay \$50,000 cash for the property and the balance would be immediately deposited \$50,000 as an earnest of good faith during the process of negotiations. The offer was promptly declined by Mr. Classen, who stated that he considered the property worth considerably more than the price offered. As Mr. Colcord was not authorized to offer a higher price negotiations ended.

It is stated by well informed parties that Cusack and company is one of the firms interested in the proposed new suburban road to Norman, which seeks to secure a franchise through the streets of the city, and which is being fought by the Metropolitan company.

DIED FROM LOCKJAW.

Caused by Powder Burn Resulting From Blank Cartridge.

South McAlester, I. T., June 20.—Best Owen, a 14-year-old boy, died Thursday from lock jaw. It was directly traceable to a powder burn on his hand resulting from the discharge of a blank cartridge. The accident occurred on the morning of the 18th instant and little was thought of it at the time.

His mother made a local application at first for the first of the week he went to a physician and the pus which had accumulated was removed and the hand poulticed. He complained at the time of a pain in his chest, but there was no other sign of lock jaw. Yesterday he complained still more of the pain in his chest, though he was out on the street.

The sore was running, a circumstance strictly attending lock jaw, and about 8 o'clock last night he got very bad and doctors Chapman and Robinson waited on him. The case was soon seen to be a pronounced case of lock jaw and every means was made as easy for him as possible could do that work, but the end came about 4 o'clock.

The mother of the boy has two children. Her husband is an invalid in the Old Soldiers home at Leavenworth, Kan.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Cold Storage Plant and Implement House Burned.

Watonga, O. T., June 20.—The fire at Watonga Monday night resulted in the destruction of the cold storage plant of Cunningham Brothers and the implement house of L. M. Hartley, the total loss probably aggregating \$7,000 or \$8,000. Included in the implements destroyed were sixteen binders that had been contracted to farmers and a car of twine. There is no clue to how the fire originated.

BETRAYED BY A WOMAN IS FRANCE

Third Member of An Accused
Gang Is Caught

HIDING PLACE POINTED OUT

To Secure Release of Stone
She Gave Up France

Oklahoma City, O. T., June 20.—The sheriff's officers yesterday captured and placed in the county jail George France, the third member of the trio of persons who are charged with conspiracy and fraud in securing money to the amount of \$1,300 from Mrs. Shar, a resident of this city. The other two parties accused are Pearl and Leola France, husband and wife, the latter before marriage being known as Leola Stone.

The manner in which George France was captured was somewhat peculiar.

Early yesterday morning the sheriff's officers arrested one F. P. Stone, supposed to be a brother of Leola France, as being implicated in the alleged swindling operations of the France outfit.

Later in the day the deputies visited the house at 38 West Main street, where the Frances had been staying, in the hope of locating George France, whose home is in Guthrie, but whom they had been unable to find in the capital city, and believed to be hanging around Oklahoma City.

When the officers entered the house there appeared to be no one about, and they began to look around. Noticing a big bundle of bed clothing under the piano they untangled the bundle and out came Leola France.

She became tractable when informed that they did not intend to disturb her, but manifested much anxiety when informed that F. P. Stone had been arrested, and her solicitude in his behalf led her to volunteer to reveal the hiding place of George France if they would promptly release Stone.

They told her the sheriff and county attorney would have to be consulted regarding that kind of proceedings. Accordingly the officials named were visited and agreed to turn Stone loose if the woman would locate George France for them.

This the woman agreed to do, and accompanied by Stone and followed some distance by Deputies Bartel, West and Dills, she proceeded to a point on the river almost directly south of the wooden mill, where she saw enough George France was found in hiding under the river bank.

France was both surprised and chagrined to find that he had been betrayed by the woman, but he offered no resistance when the officers placed him under arrest. He was immediately conducted to the county jail and there incarcerated.

Sam Bartel, deputy sheriff, said: "After being captured George France suggested that he would be willing to marry the Shar woman and stop the prosecution of the case against him."

The same officer stated that since the arrest of Pearl France and his wife, another woman who had been victimized by them called upon them and demanded the return of her money and they immediately gave it to her.

The officers believe that several other persons have been deceived by the Frances in their swindling operations and other arrests may be expected in the near future.

ON A SAD MISSION.

Slightly Demented the Young Man Left His Home.

Shawnee, O. T., June 20.—Ed Baker of Oklahoma City is here on the sad mission of looking for his brother, Harry Baker, who left their home yesterday in a demented state of mind and whom he traced to this place.

While under a mental strain Mr. Baker, who is a young man and much respected, became slightly demented and wandered away from home, and going to the Choctaw-Prisco junction, boarded a train coming to this city and was afterwards found left in the yards near the shops.

On his arrival here the unfortunate man's brother enlisted the help of Chief of Police Hill and his men in a search of the town for him, but up to a late hour today nothing as to his whereabouts was discovered and great apprehensions of his safety are entertained.

GUILTY OF BIGAMY.

Such Is the Conclusion of the Learned Court.

Holdenville, I. T., June 20.—Al Vasey, agent at the prison depot, was arrested and bound over for the grand jury on charges of bigamy, in which is illustrated a principle of the law. Mr. Albert L. Everett and wife, together with their 3-year-old daughter, lived at Mustang, O. T. During their residence at that place the defendant, Al Vasey, became an acquaintance of the wife. Later divorce proceedings were instituted by Mrs. Everett against her husband and a decree of divorce was granted by the district court of Oklahoma county, O. T. Six months after and prior to the expiration of six months from the date of the decree of divorce Mrs. Everett and the defendant, Al Vasey, were married at Holdenville.

The statutes of the Indian Territory provide that bigamy is the marriage knowingly to an unmarried person with the husband or wife of another. The court held that the Oklahoma law forbidding the marriage of the divorced parties for a period of six months after the decree of divorce was extra-territorial in its application, and that the defendant is now guilty of bigamy.

WHAT FACULTY WILL DO.

Tonkawa Professors Will Seek Additional Culture.

Tonkawa, O. T., June 20.—The fall term of school will open September 8. During the vacation Mr. Kelly will spend about six weeks in the Chicago University specializing in economic and psychological studies. Mr. Flinn will spend twelve weeks in the Chicago University, taking work in mathematics.

Mr. Brock will spend the summer in the Buffalo country, northwestern Oklahoma, investigating, collecting scientific specimens and studying.

Mr. Woodford will pursue a course of post-graduate work in French, German and Spanish at the University of Chicago.

Miss Sears will spend three weeks in Wichita and the remainder of the vacation in Colorado. She will take a course in history through the Chicago University correspondence department.

Mr. Quigley will continue his course in English at the Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa.

Miss Goodman will visit a short time at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and will then attend the National summer school of music at Chicago, and will specialize with Sherwood and Mrs. Magnus.

Mr. Bridges will visit a week at his home in Fondra, Iowa, and will then attend the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago.

Miss Egan will spend about two weeks at her home in Cameron, Mo., and will then take a normal course in the Chicago Art Institute.

Miss Cass will work during the summer in the real estate, loan and insurance business.

THREE MILLION BUSHELS.

Kingfisher County Will Have Plenty of Wheat.